

Senate Resolution 784

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Harp of the 29th, Tolleson of the 20th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Martin L. Dalton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin L. Dalton has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Dalton was born in Columbus, Georgia, and grew up in Eufaula, Alabama,
6 and received his bachelor of science degree from Auburn University and his M.D. from the
7 University of Alabama School of Medicine; and

8 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
10 dramatically by his work as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery of the
11 Mercer University School of Medicine, Dean of the Mercer University School of Medicine,
12 and Chief of Surgery and Program Director of the surgery residency at the Medical Center
13 of Central Georgia in Macon, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he is a member of the American Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical
15 Association, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the Society of Thoracic
16 Surgeons, the International Surgical Society, the International Society for Cardiovascular
17 Surgery, and the Southeastern Surgical Congress and serves as a Governor-at-Large for
18 Georgia at the American College of Surgeons and is the President of the Georgia Surgical
19 Society and President-elect of the Atlanta Vascular Society; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a past president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American College of
21 Surgeons and the Jackson, Mississippi, Surgical Society and the Lubbock, Texas, Surgical
22 Society and is a member of the James D. Hardy Surgical Society and a founding member of
23 the Will C. Sealy Surgical Society; and

1 WHEREAS, he the author of 113 publications in peer reviewed journals, one book, and four
2 book chapters and was a member of the team that performed the first successful human lung
3 transplant on June 11, 1963; and

4 WHEREAS, he is retiring from the Medical Center of Central Georgia to serve full time as
5 the Dean of the Mercer University School of Medicine; and

6 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
7 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
8 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

9 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
10 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

11 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
12 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
14 commend Dr. Martin L. Dalton for his many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and
15 dedicated public service to the citizens of his community and state and extend to him their
16 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Martin L. Dalton.